

### **Amendments to the Specification**

Please delete page 3, lines 1 to 7, and replace it with the following:

Figure 3 is a cross-sectional view of the steering wheel shown on Figure 1 along 3-3, with an operator's hand being supported by an embodiment of the system of the present invention.

Figure 4 is a cross-sectional view of the steering wheel of Figure 1 along 3-3, with an operator's hand grasping the steering wheel as in an emergency situation and deforming the system of the present invention.

Figure 5 is a cross-sectional view of another embodiment of the system of the present invention along a cross-section such as 3-3 in Figure 1, in which the system snaps or clips onto the steering wheel.